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The Whistler, 2421 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-227-3530

Dust off that dictionary to study for the first Whistler Spelling Bee. Hosts Seth Dodson and Kellen Alexander host a 40-person battle of the brains, with sign-ups just before the start. 8 p.m.

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## RANDOM WEDNESDAY

Over on our Facebook page, we like to do this little thing called Facebook Random Question of the Day. And it's exactly that: random. Tuesday's question was: **It's March. What does that make you think?** Check out some of the responses we received. Want to be a part of our social media revolution and see your thoughts here next time? Like us at [facebook.com/theredeye](http://facebook.com/theredeye).

**Dave Nathan:** Oh [bleep]! Taxes are due in 45 days!

**Mindy Zimmer:** St. Patty's Day corned beef and cabbage! (And making reubens out of the leftovers)

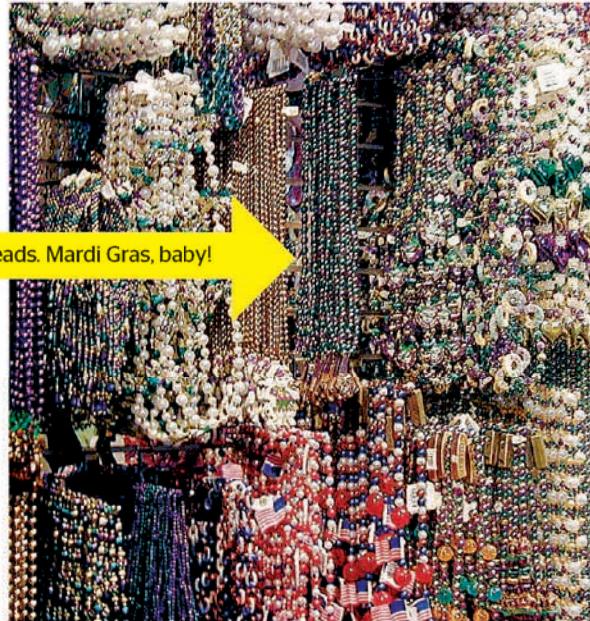
**David Zakrzewski:** the Shamrock "Shakes" of course!

**Katy Lynch:** Beads, beads, and more beads. Mardi Gras, baby!

**Kristin Ann Vanderbilt:** As a lifelong resident of Beverly, March always reminds me of the South Side Irish Parade, gone, but never forgotten.

**David Langley:** I tried to think of something else, but there's only ONE thing running through my mind. Lousy Smarch weather.

**Celia Snooks Barrios:** SEXY TANNED GUYS IN THE LAKE WALKIN TOPLESS. O WAIT THATS MAYBE IN MAY.



# MORE SCHOOL, LESS PAY

**WATCH YOUR PAYCHECKS, LADIES—  
MEN STILL OUTEARNING WOMEN**

**Reuters**

Women have made big economic and educational gains in recent years, but they still trail men in terms of pay and participation in the workforce, according to a White House report released Tuesday.

More women than men have a high school education, more have university degrees, and more have graduate degrees, but at all levels of education, women earn about 75 percent as much as their male counterparts, according to the White House report.

Administration officials touted the document as the first comprehensive federal report on the status of American woman since 1963. They said it would broadly influence policy, although they offered no specific programs that would result from the report.

“When women make less than men for the same work, it impacts the families, who then find themselves with less income,” Valerie Jarrett, who chairs the White House Council on Women and Girls, said during a conference call with reporters.

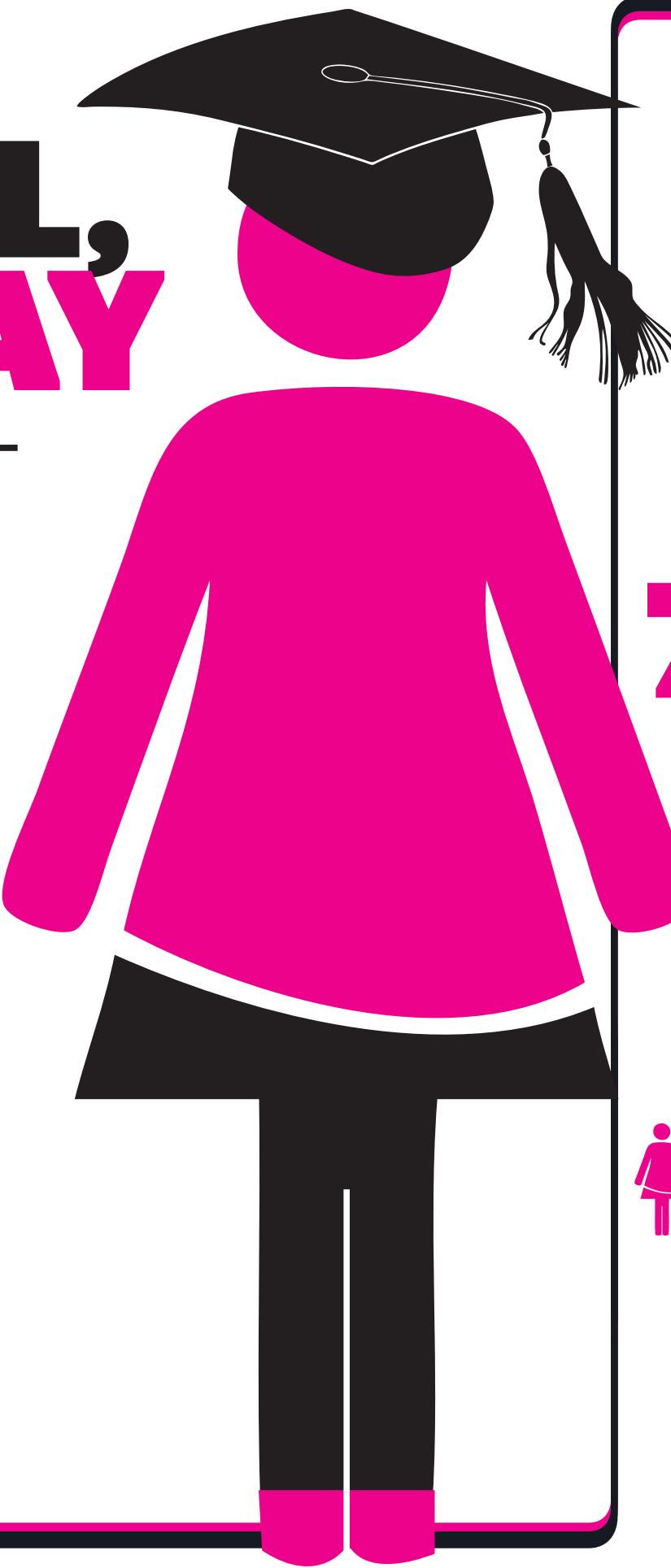
“When there’s no affordable childcare, it hurts children who wind up in second-rate care or spending afternoons alone in front of a television set,” Jarrett, a senior adviser to President Obama, said.

The labor force participation rate for women age 20 and older nearly doubled from 32 percent in 1948 to 61 percent in 1997, but it has held steady ever since. The rate for men has fallen from about 89 percent in 1948 to 75 percent in 2009, the report said.

The report combines data from several government agencies on topics including social issues—fewer women are married than in the past, and they are marrying later in life—education, employment, health and crime and violence.

Women have a longer life expectancy than men, but the gap is decreasing, and more women than men report having a chronic medical condition, the report noted. And crime against women has declined, but reported rape rates have remained stable in recent years after declining in the 1990s, and women are at greater risk of stalking than men.

“I think [the report] will inform a wide variety of different policies or programs,” Jarrett said.



## GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS

The White House report on women Tuesday marked the first time the executive branch issued a statistical portrait on women since 1963, when the Commission on the Status of Women was released. Here are highlights from the release.

- » Women have caught up with men in college attendance, and younger women now are more likely than younger men to have a college or a graduate degree.
- » The number of women and men in the labor force has nearly equalized in recent years. As women's work has increased, their earnings constitute a growing share of family income.

# 75%

» Women earned about 75 percent of what their male counterparts earned in 2009.

- » Women are more likely to be in poverty than men. These economic inequities are even more acute for women of color.
- » Women live longer than men but are more likely to face certain health problems, such as mobility impairments, arthritis, asthma, depression and obesity. Women also engage in lower levels of physical activity.



» One out of seven women ages 18-64 has no usual source of health care. The share of women in that age range without health insurance also has increased.

- » Women are less likely than in the past to be the target of violent crimes, including homicide. But women are victims of certain crimes, such as intimate partner violence and stalking, at higher rates than men.

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# Chicago needs its Wingman

An open letter to Mayor-elect Rahm Emanuel:

Let me start by saying congrats! You beat the ever-loving snot out of your opponents and claimed your spot as the future head honcho around these parts. Prooooud of yoooo!

But hey, let's face it: You've got your hands full over the next few months, and I want to bring something to your attention. I know you read this paper every day, so you'll remember a couple of weeks back, I did some stumping in this column space to be appointed Wingman of Chicago.

As I'm sure you've heard by now, the rapturous response has led to an official—or at least official-looking—petition being passed around the Internet as if it were pics from Rihanna, Katy Perry and Karl Rove's "no pants weekend." So what is this invented job I seek? Well, Mr. Rahm-a-lama-ding-dong, allow me to elaborate on what I could do as your Wingman of Chicago.

» **My primary mission would be making us look amazing.** That's a wingman's No. 1 job, right? So while I'm out making sure the good times roll on schedule, I'll be sure to spread the word from state to state and worldwide that Chicagoans work hard and play even harder. Think of the slogans! "Chicago: Making every night a blurry one" or "Chicago: We got Malort!"

» **I would provide resources to tap into the rich cultural history of the city's taverns and bars.** A "booze history" of Chicago tour or a free class teaching young up-and-comers (or anyone, really) what drink to order at their first big business dinner, or that (gasp!) there's life beyond the bomb shot.

» **I'd put the "social" back in social media.** Tweetups, flash mobs, LARP, I don't care. If it's getting people who know each other online to party in person, I want in.

» **And finally, I'd give back to our talent.** Chicago shouldn't have to toil in the shadow of L.A. and N.Y. Let's get some funds to the Fashion Incubator and the local music programs around town. Let's also find a way to reward the entertainers who have spread the greatness of Chicago beyond its borders. Start by naming a library after playwright David Mamet. Ooh! Or we could freeze R. Kelly in carbonite!

I hope something I've written here will inspire you to appoint me to this prestigious role I just made up. (Bonus perk: Since it's a vanity position, you don't have to spring for office space!) When you do appoint me to this role, please fell free to send me a plaque or give me one of those keys to the city. Actually, you know what? I'll take courtside Bulls tickets. That would be lovely. **ERNEST WILKINS IS THE SOCIAL MEDIA/EVENTS PRODUCER FOR REDEYE AND METROMIX.**

## CORRECTION

Patrick Stump's concerts at Schubas are April 3 and 4. A Metromix story on Page 14 of Tuesday's RedEye listed the incorrect date.



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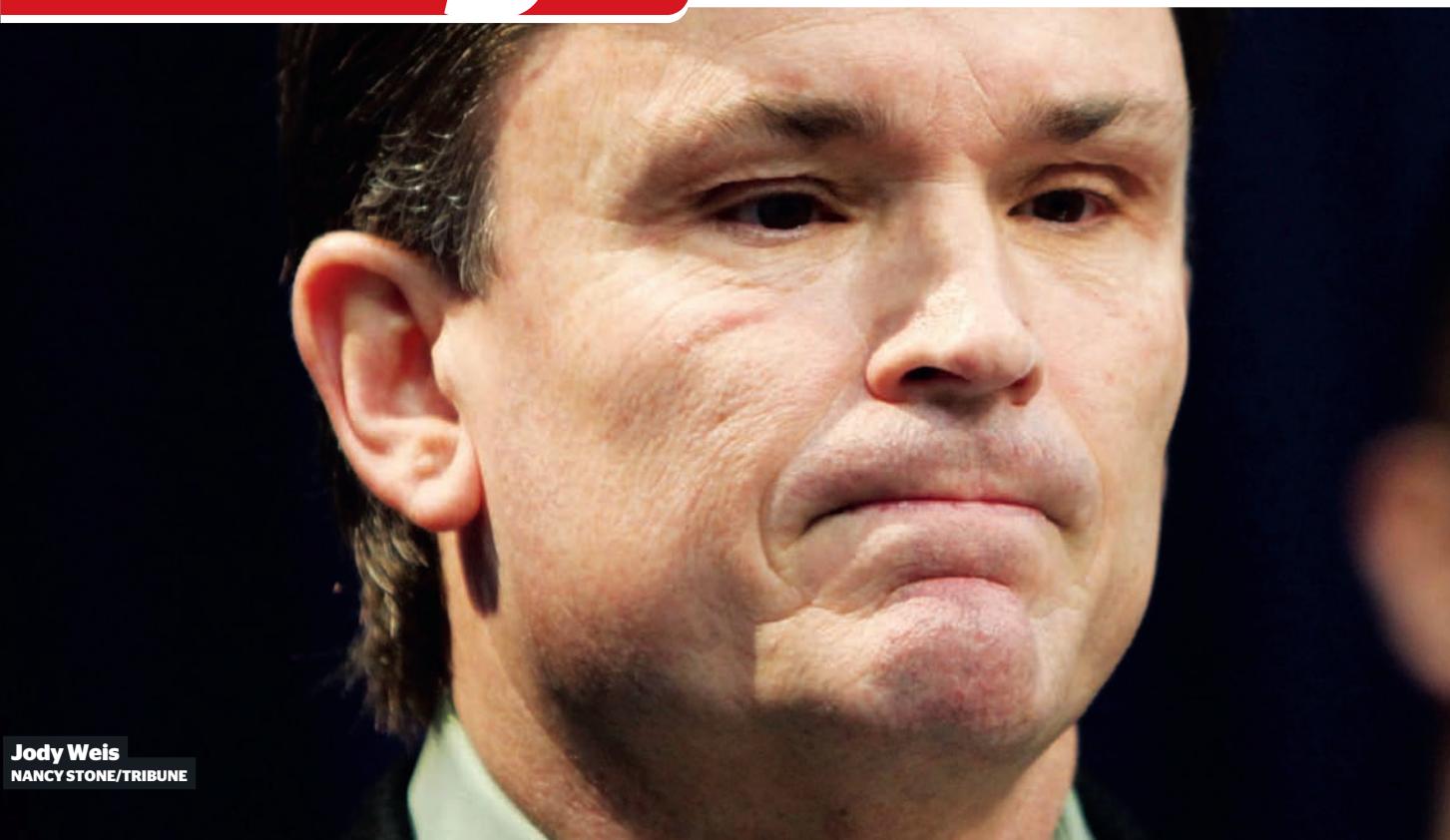
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# TOP COP WALKS OUT

## MAYOR DALEY APPOINTS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT AS WEIS ERA ENDS

### Chicago Tribune

Police Supt. Jody Weis left his post Tuesday when his \$310,000-a-year contract expired.

He is being replaced, on an interim basis, by Terry Hillard, who headed the Chicago police department from 1998 until 2003.

"Serving as the superintendent of the Chicago Police Department has been an honor and a great privilege," Weis said in a statement. "I thank Mayor Daley, and the residents of Chicago, for this opportunity of a lifetime."

On Monday, Daley had said he hoped Weis would stay until his term as mayor ends May 16. But Daley also said he had yet to ask Weis to do so.

"I would like to thank Jody Weis for his service to the people of Chicago over the past three years," the mayor said in a statement. "He has been successful at both implementing new strategies in our fight against crime and assuring that the conduct of our police officers

meets the highest standards so that our residents have confidence that the Police Department is protecting and serving them."

Weis said several factors led to his decision but added that he was "mainly guided by his commitment to the people of Chicago and the members of the Chicago Police Department."

"I firmly believe it would be selfish of me to continue in this position as I actively seek new career opportunities," Weis said. "Additionally, it is critical to have someone in place as soon as possible to prepare for the summer, our most challenging time of year."

Mayor-elect Rahm Emanuel has said he'll look for a new superintendent when he takes office. Emanuel has said he wants a new police leader focused on community policing.

He released a statement on the personnel moves. "I want to praise Mayor Daley today for moving quickly to fill the vacancy and appointing Terry Hillard as Interim Police Superintendent,"

### BACKGROUND

Jody Weis was recruited by Mayor Daley from the FBI and tasked with cleaning up the department after police misconduct scandals. He has been unpopular among police rank and file in the understaffed department. He has defended his time on the job and said crime rates are lower.

Emanuel said. "This was not a position the city could afford to leave open or a department we could afford to leave adrift without leadership.

"Terry's previous service to the city made clear his commitment to the job and his effectiveness in fighting crime. We owe him a debt of gratitude for returning when our police department and city need him," Emanuel said in the statement. "Jody Weis also deserves our thanks for his service and for reducing violent crime during his tenure."



### Rhymefest picks up endorsements

Alderman candidate Che "Rhymefest" Smith, who faces Ald. Willie Cochran (20th) in the April 5 runoff, was endorsed Tuesday by the candidates who were knocked out in the Feb. 22 election.

### Judge: Blago jurors to be kept secret

A federal judge says he'll keep the names of jurors at the upcoming retrial of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich secret until after proceedings end—brushing aside arguments from media groups to release them sooner.



### Obama's ex-social secretary tapped

A combination of community, business and labor leaders—some who were major campaign donors—were tapped Tuesday to help plan Mayor-elect Rahm Emanuel's inauguration. Among them is Desri Rogers (above), President Obama's former social secretary.

### Shooting victim left at firehouse

A shooting victim dropped off at a South Side firehouse Tuesday morning has died, police said. The 19-year-old man was taken to the station in the 8100 block of South Ashland Avenue in an apparent attempt to get treatment.

### Facebook friend charged with rape

A Far South Side man has been charged with raping a woman he met on Facebook. He was ordered held Tuesday on \$200,000 bail on one count of aggravated criminal sexual assault. **TRIBUNE**

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O'Hare  
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## O'Hare air controller mistakes up

### Chicago Tribune

Mistakes are increasing among air-traffic controllers at O'Hare, according to new data from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Authorities said they are particularly concerned about errors that occur while veteran controllers are training newly hired controllers who are directing planes that are landing, taking off or taxiing at O'Hare. Training has been accelerated to keep pace with future increases in flights expected at O'Hare after new runways are built.

The controller errors mainly involve failing to keep proper distance between airplanes, both horizontally for planes traveling in a line and vertically for aircraft stacked on top of each other. The loss of required minimum separation between aircraft does not always mean an accident was narrowly avoided. Only two of the 12 reported con-

troller errors at O'Hare in fiscal year 2010 were categorized as serious, but five additional errors took place during on-the-job training of new controllers, FAA records show.

The total of 12 operational errors was up from only five errors in fiscal year 2009, the FAA said. The five errors that occurred during controller training in 2010 compare with only one error during training in 2009, and none in 2008, according to the FAA.

The most serious incident, which did not take place during training, occurred when the wake from an airplane caused strong turbulence for another plane, violating a 1,000-foot vertical-separation rule for that specific situation, officials said. No injuries to passengers or crews resulted, the officials added.

Investigators from the inspector general's office

at the U.S. Department of Transportation were scheduled to arrive at O'Hare on Wednesday to examine controller staffing levels and other issues that affect safety.

Many of O'Hare's longtime controllers spend all their time in the tower training new controllers, FAA and union officials said. The controllers who are instructing still are 100 percent responsible for anything that goes wrong. But because they are not directly working the airplanes themselves, there is concern that the controllers' proficiency is declining.

"O'Hare tower is adding employees and doing a lot more training as part of the ramp-up to open the next air-traffic tower," FAA spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory said. "Training is necessary, but the tower is implementing programs to try and reduce training fatigue."

## Chicago-area gangs targeted in nationwide drug sweep

### Chicago Tribune

Fourteen Chicago-area street-gang members and associates were arrested as part of a nationwide sweep targeting gangs affiliated with drug trafficking organizations, authorities said Tuesday.

The crackdown, part of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's ongoing "Project Southern Tempest," netted 678 total arrests of gang members and associates from 133 different gangs between December and February. A similar sweep last September resulted in 20 Chicago-area arrests.

The gang members come from Chicago, Addison, Elgin, Harvey, Joliet, Melrose Park, Park Ridge, St. Charles and Wauconda, ICE

officials said in a news release.

The suspects represent the Latin Kings, Belizean Bloods and Sureño 13s street gangs. Twelve suspects came from Mexico and two from Belize, authorities said. Federal authorities worked with local police agencies in making the arrests.

The local suspects all were charged with administrative violations and face deportation. Authorities wouldn't release the suspects' names, saying they don't identify those facing administrative charges.

Transnational street gangs frequently have foreign-born members involved in international crimes such as drug and human smuggling, identity theft and cybercrimes, authorities said.

## Loyola professor gets probation

A Loyola University archeology professor will serve a year's probation for his part in a scheme to plunder artifacts from an archaeological site in New Mexico, the U.S. Attorney's office there said in a statement issued Tuesday.

### Falling ice injures man

Falling ice from several Loop skyscrapers, including Willis Tower, shut down several downtown streets Tuesday afternoon. An off-duty Chicago paramedic was injured when a chunk struck him in the 200 block of West Monroe Street.

### Park District announces closures

Chicago Park District facilities will be closed Monday as a cost-cutting measure. Officials said the district will save \$2.5 million by shutting down Monday, the day after Thanksgiving, the day before Christmas Eve and the day before New Year's Eve.

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Give him a-one, a-two ...



Revelers gather at Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse downtown for the 13th Annual Worldwide Toast to Harry Caray, with a special tribute to Ron Santo, on Tuesday.

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### Breast milk ice cream?

**1** A specialist ice cream parlor in London is serving up breast milk ice cream and says people should think of it as an organic, free-range treat. The breast milk concoction, called the "Baby Gaga," is available (when in stock) at the Icecreamists restaurant. **GETTY IMAGES**

### Kicked owl dies

**2** An injured owl that was kicked off the field Sunday by a player during a soccer match in Barranquilla, Colombia, died from shock Tuesday. The director of the agency that oversees environmental issues in Barranquilla said he was investigating possible sanctions against the player.

### Does IRS owe you?

**3** Did you forget to file your 2007 taxes? The IRS might have a nice check waiting for you. Nearly 1.1 million taxpayers failed to file that year, and the IRS estimates they are entitled to \$1.1 billion in potential refunds, the agency announced Tuesday.

### House passes funding bill

**4** The House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday that would extend funding for the federal government by another two weeks—through March 18—while cutting \$4 billion from current spending levels. The Senate plans to vote on the measure Wednesday.

### No money for you

Bank of America's online banking system went on the fritz for some users Tuesday, the second such incident this year. Customers attempting to access the bank's online services were experiencing "intermittent service disruptions," according to a spokeswoman for the bank.

### Lizard meat seized

**5** Agriculture specialists with U.S. Customs and Border Protection on Sunday discovered nearly 58 pounds of alleged iguana meat that had been mixed with corn dough, the agency said Tuesday. The alleged iguana meat, which had not been declared, has an estimated domestic value of \$1,560, the agency said.

# Something in Playboy's water

**6** **LOS ANGELES** Health officials investigating a respiratory illness that infected some 200 people after a party at the Playboy Mansion said Tuesday they had found the bacteria that causes Legionnaires disease in a water source there.

But the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health said it was still unclear whether the Legionella bacteria, commonly found in wet environments, were responsible for the outbreak.

"We are still considering several possible causes of illness," Dr. Jonathan Fielding, the department's director, wrote in a statement.

The health department said that about 200 people reported becoming sick with fever, chills, coughs and general malaise af-

### ABOUT LEGIONNAIRES

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Legionella bacteria can cause Legionnaires disease or a milder infection known as Pontiac Fever. The disease takes its name from a 1976 outbreak at an American Legion convention in Philadelphia. The CDC said on its website that Legionnaires disease can cause death in up to 30 percent of cases, but that otherwise healthy people usually recover with the aid of antibiotics.

ter a social event at the Playboy Mansion on the last day of the DOMAINfest Internet investment conference in February.

"In the course of its ongoing investigation, Public Health has identified Legionella bacteria in a sample taken from a water source at the Playboy Mansion," the department said in the statement.

"Public Health is continuing to work with surrounding county health departments, the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to investigate this suspected outbreak."

Representatives for Playboy Enterprises had no immediate comment on the discovery of Legionella bacteria at the mansion. A spokeswoman has said previously that Playboy was cooperating with the Department of Public Health in its investigation.

## Portman blasts Dior designer for Hitler remark

**8** **PARIS** Christian Dior has started proceedings to fire designer John Galliano after he was filmed making anti-Semitic comments in a Paris restaurant, the fashion giant said Tuesday.

The company condemned his "deeply offensive statements and conduct" in a statement announcing the plan to fire him.

The statement came hours after Oscar-winning actress Natalie Portman condemned Galliano's praise of Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler.

"I am deeply shocked and disgusted by the video of John Galliano's comments that surfaced today," said Portman, who appears in ads for Miss Dior Cherie perfume. "In light of this video, and as an individual who is proud to be Jewish, I will not be associated with Mr. Galliano in any way."

"I hope at the very least, these terrible comments remind us to reflect and act upon combating these still-existing prejudices that are the opposite of all that is beautiful," she said.



**Pants-free**

**7** Models walk in their underwear near a bus station Tuesday to celebrate the fifth annual Brazil Underwear Day in Brasilia. **REUTERS**



### THE DIGIT

**150,000**

That's how many people have crossed from Libya into Tunisia and Egypt to escape violent clashes, the U.N. refugee agency estimated Tuesday.

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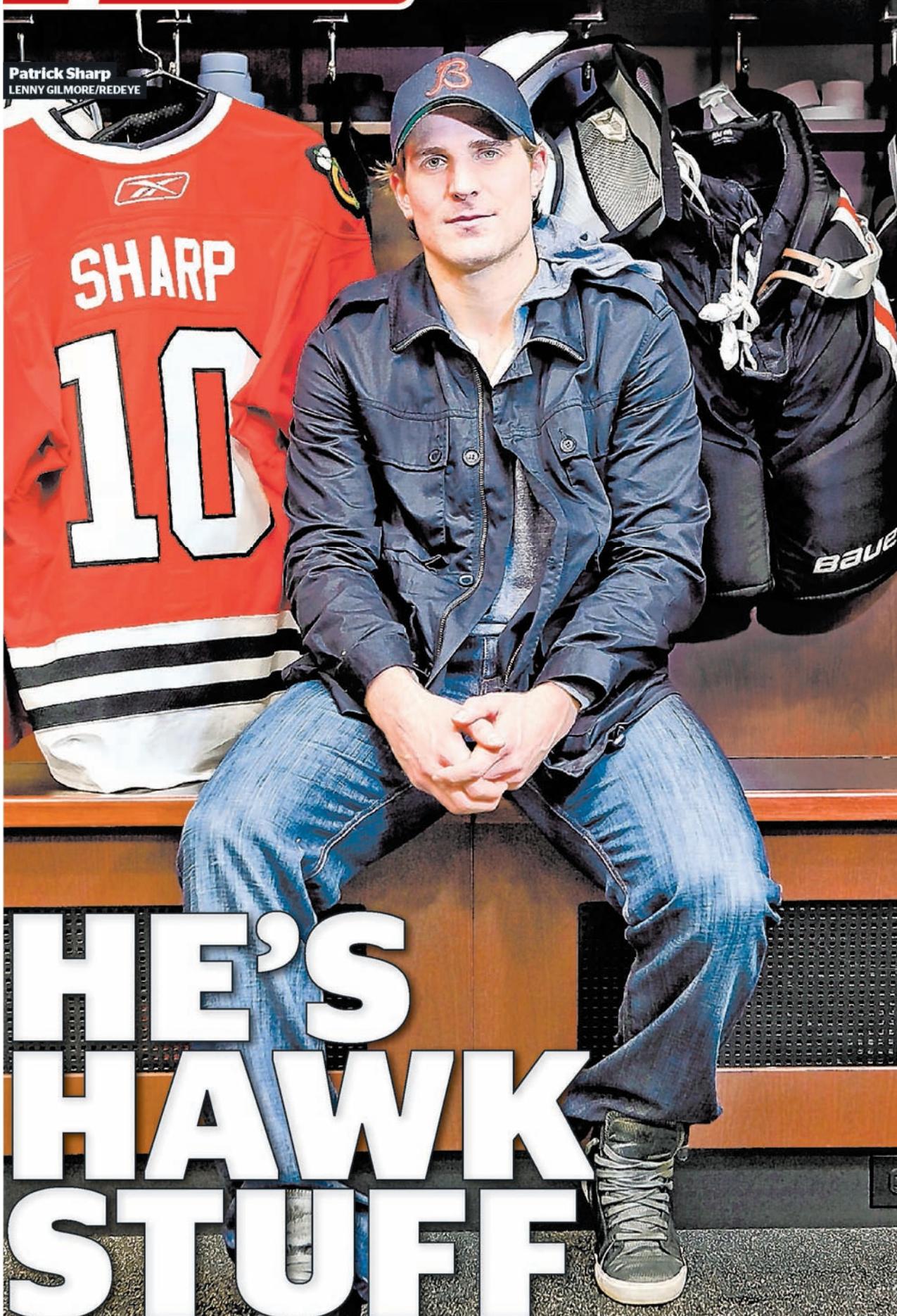
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Patrick Sharp  
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**It's no joke—team prankster and all-around handsome guy Patrick Sharp is an NHL force**

By Leonor Vivanco

REDEYE

Patrick Sharp knows how to have fun, even during the Blackhawks' intense battle for the playoffs.

The laces on a teammate's skates are cut. A cup of water sits in another's helmet. Dubble Bubble gum balls are jammed into the fingertips of hockey gloves. Who did it? Fingers point to Sharp, even if he's innocent.

That's because Sharp, forward and alternate team captain, is known as the prankster.

"I usually get retaliated on, whether I did it or not. It's not the best reputation to have," Sharp told RedEye after practice last week. "It's part of my personality. I like to have fun. I like to make guys laugh at the rink. I think over the course of the six-month season and 82 games and playoffs, you need that kind of stuff."

On a team commanded by the dynamic duo of Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane, 29-year-old Sharpie—as his teammates call him—has emerged as a force to be reckoned with off and, especially, on the ice.

As the defending Stanley Cup champs fight for a playoff spot, Sharp is having a career year. Not only does he top the Blackhawks in goals, but entering Tuesday's games Sharp also was in a two-way tie as the second-leading scorer in the NHL. With 33 goals, he is on track to surpass his career high of 36 goals. And just last month, he was MVP in the All-Star Game—the first time he was invited to the event.

Still, with all his success, he remains humble and focused on winning.

"It's been a lot of fun. It's easy to block [the recognition] out this time of year with so many games and the importance of these games," Sharp said.

The road to success has been a bumpy one for Sharp, who hails from Thunder Bay, Ontario. He was drafted by Philadelphia in 2001 during his freshman year at the University of Vermont. The Flyers traded him in 2005 to the Hawks. The rest, as they say, is history.

"He's kind of a guy that's been underrated his whole career and has gone without being mentioned in certain things, especially with our team. This year, he's really picked up the pace for a lot of us, and he's having a great year," Kane said. "You're happy to see a guy like that do well because he was so unrecognized for a while."

Sharp has become a fan favorite too. Fans cheer his skills on the ice, of course, and many fawn over his rugged good looks. (Sorry girls, he's married.) Chicago Magazine named Sharp—who lives in Lincoln Park with his wife, Abby, and their basset hound, Shooter—one of the city's most beautiful people in its March issue.

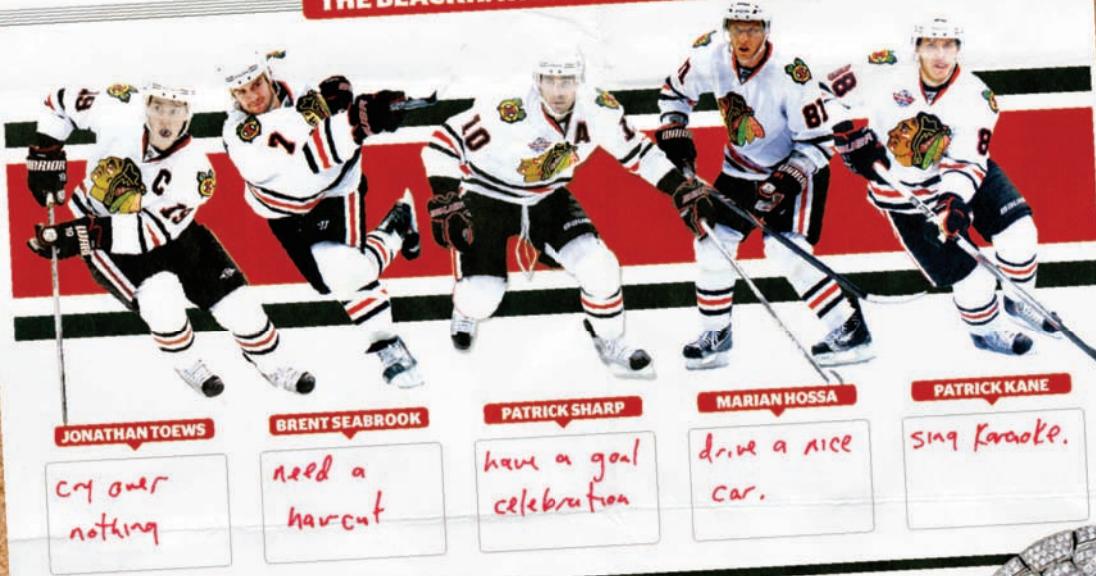
Though he takes it all in good fun, Sharp has been teased about the magazine honor. He joked on "The Eric & Kathy Morning Show" on WTMX (101.9-FM) that he's a "part-time hockey player and full-time model."

When he's not joking around on the radio, he's teasing his

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# SHOOTIN' THE \$#!% WITH PATRICK SHARP

THE BLACKHAWK MOST LIKELY TO ...



- 1 My Stanley Cup championship ring is ... *on my Dad's desk*
- 2 My must-haves on the road are... *cell phone, Pad, vanilla ice cream*
- 3 Fellow Canadian Justin Bieber losing at the Grammys is like... *missing an open net*
- 4 The strangest thing a Hawks fan ever said to me was... *will you marry me?*
- 5 A couple years ago, I lost to Derrick Rose in Victoria's Secret Chicago's Sexiest Athlete award, but what I find sexy is... *the city of Chicago!*



Coaches are off-limits for pranking, but everyone else is fair game, including older players.

"Sometimes they're the most fun to pick on—guys like Fernando Pisani and Marty Turco—guys that have been in the league for a long, long time—Marian Hossa even, they're the ones that least expect it. And sometimes it's great to see their reaction when someone's playing a joke on them," Sharp said. [LVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:LVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM)

teammates. Kane and Toews have been Sharp's main targets over the years. But lately, it's been Brent Seabrook. The two tried to be roommates, but that lasted just two road trips because of Seabrook's superstitions.

"I like to call him a big teddy bear. He looks big and mean on the ice, but off the ice he's the nicest guy I've ever played with and really met in my career," Sharp said.

## PATRICK SHARP ON THE SPOT

### ON HIS GREATEST PRANK

"Four years ago it was Taser's rookie year, Jonathan's [Toews] rookie year, I took Jonathan's phone and put Brent's [Seabrook] number as this girl Jonathan was seeing and started texting from Seabrook's phone that 'We need to talk. I think I might be pregnant.' To see the look on his face at the dinner—it was at dinner with seven or eight guys, and his mouth opened, and he kind of pushed himself away from the table, and he was going to go call the girl so we had to let him in on it right away."

### ON WORST PRANK PULLED ON HIM

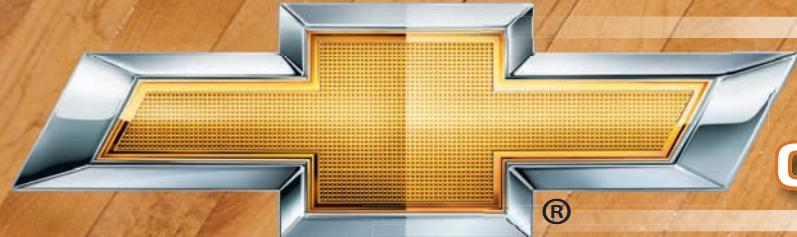
"One time—I think I know who did it, but I'm not 100 percent sure. I think it was Jordan Hendry—he took my cell phone and put it in a plastic bag, taped it up and then stuck it in a freezer after putting it in a bucket of water so it was a big ball of ice. Thankfully I got it to work again."

### ON DOING AN 'AMERICAN IDOL' COMPETITION WITH HIS WIFE

"Every time we have a commercial break, we take the floor and sing to each other whatever song was being performed on the show, and we see if we can match up with them. It's pretty embarrassing, even if you're with one person ... you can share everything with, it's still embarrassing to stand in front of them like you're on a stage and perform."

### ON WATCHING 'THE BACHELOR' WITH HIS WIFE

"Again, I got sucked into that one since the marriage. 'The Bachelor' is the show we watch. I like it because there's 25 girls on the show and I can have something to look at. When 'The Bachelorette' comes on, I might have to go to the other room with the dog and watch a hockey game or something like that."



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1 More impressive: Bulls offense or Bulls defense?	Offense. I don't like when Joakim plays defense.	Bulls defense. We should probably get on naming that frontcourt, yeah? "Hairy and Scary," anyone?	The offense has been less ... um ... offensive than the defense, of late.	On average, the Bulls score 98.4 points per game and allow 92.2 ppg. Defense rests, your honor.	Offense.
2 What have you learned after a few spring training games?	It's never too early for the Cubs to lose.	That baseball players don't give a crap about spring training.	That spring training is stupid and boring and we should just start the season already.	"All in." You can thank me later, White Sox marketing department.	That athletes need to work out/train in the offseason. Lots of injuries.
3 While in Arizona, what would you do when not watching spring training games?	Hope that Charlie Sheen shows up. That would be a hot Mesa!	Campus visits to University of Arizona and Arizona State. You know, for the scenery.	I'd be winning. All the time. With Charlie Sheen. Just winning.	A black costume in the desert heat? Fluids, lots and lots of fluids.	Visit ASU to understand what all the party hype was about.
4 Give new Blackhawks player Chris Campoli a proper welcome to Chicago.	When meeting a Senator, it's proper to look the other way.	CAMPOOOOOOOOO OOOOL! Let me know when you want to grab a cocktail.	You suck, Campoli!	Two words, Blackhawks audio-visual department: "Chris Cam!" Patent pending.	Basket of Chicago-style hot dogs and deep-dish pizza delivery!
5 How can you tell college basketball conference tourneys have started?	Everyone seems upset.	I'm doing WAY more cursing than I probably should during the week. That being said, GO 'NOLES.	There is way too much Dickey V in my life.	Bracket envy. It is real, and I don't want to discuss it.	Everyone keeps throwing brackets in my face.

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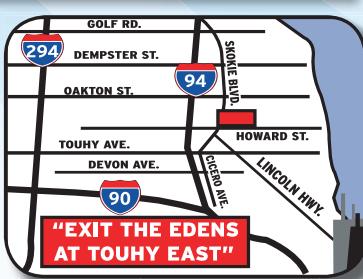
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## SPRING FLING

The day's news from  
Cubs and White Sox  
spring training

CUBS 3,  
SAN FRANCISCO 2

Ryan Dempster faced Giants ace Tim Lincecum on Tuesday at Scottsdale Stadium, with most of the regulars in the Cubs' lineup, except Carlos Pena and Alfonso Soriano. The Cubs scored three in the sixth and went on to win 3-2 for their first Cactus League victory.

MILWAUKEE 3,  
WHITE SOX 1

Mark Buehrle pitched two perfect innings for the Sox in his spring debut, but Milwaukee took a 3-0 lead heading into the bottom of the eighth inning.



» After throwing a 40-pitch bullpen session with the intensity of a midseason game, Jake Peavy (above) declared himself ready for his next challenge. "[Tuesday] was another good step in the right direction, and I look forward to [making] a huge step," Peavy said of his exhibition debut Friday against the L.A. Angels.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

» The Fire will have three goalkeepers this season after signing 23-year-old Alec Dufty on Tuesday. With more games on the 2011 schedule and the luxury of an expanded roster compared to previous seasons, Dufty will be part of a trio that includes returning starter Sean Johnson and backup Jon Conway.

PURDUE 75, ILLINOIS 67

# Bracket buster?

Illini miss chance to upset No. 6 Purdue, polish resume

**WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.** What does an offense look like when it stumbles into quicksand? Illinois might have found that out Tuesday night.

For the first 12 minutes, Illinois' offense looked more like a synchronized swim team—every part working in sync. But after senior guard Demetri McCamey picked up his second foul and sat the rest of the first half, it revitalized Purdue, deflated the Illini and set

the Boilermakers on their way to a 75-67 victory at Mackey Arena.

In Illinois' eyes, two calls affected the course of the game enough to deny the Illini a chance to turn a page in their lackluster season heading into the Big Ten and NCAA tournaments.

"I'm very disappointed Demetri got two cheap fouls," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said. "There's a foul on every possession, and it was real disappointing that he had to sit. When he went out, that was a big difference in the game."

Before McCamey's exit, the Illini (18-12, 8-9 Big Ten) were putting on one of their awe-inspiring offensive displays that makes their record seem like a ruse. Illinois was 13-for-17 and had a 31-18 lead. Then, with 7 minutes, 48 seconds remaining in the first half, McCamey picked up his second touch foul, and he took a seat on the bench.

"It's a little bit [frustrating]," McCamey said. "But the refs control the game with foul calling, and they thought it was a foul, so I can't complain."

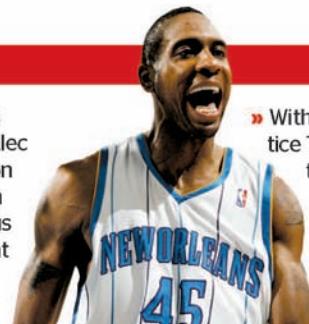
With McCamey out, Weber watched as the sixth-ranked Boilermakers (25-5, 14-3) eventually stormed back with a 12-0 run featuring a barrage of 3-pointers. In the nearly eight minutes McCamey sat, Illinois committed four turnovers and shot just 3-for-10.



JaJuan Johnson scores two of his 23 points.  
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## GAME PLANNER

- » **Bulls at Atlanta,** 6 p.m. WCIU
- » **Blackhawks vs. Calgary,** 8 p.m. CSN
- » **Northwestern vs. Minnesota,** 7:30 p.m. Big Ten Network



» With coach Tom Thibodeau calling off practice Tuesday, the Bulls didn't have to entertain more questions about who they'd add to reach the NBA roster minimum of 13. Veteran swingman Rasual Butler (left) is expected to clear waivers Wednesday, and many around the league believe he'll join the Bulls.



Thursday could be a very dark day in sports, folks. NFL owners could vote to basically cancel the 2011 season. Yes, that means no Bears, no fantasy football, no Jay Cutler knee jokes, no Black Eyed Peas halftime shows. Long story short: When millionaires are fighting billionaires, we all lose.



## CHEMISTRY EXPERIMENT

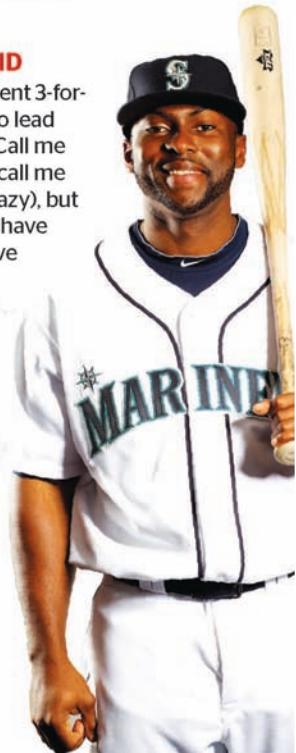
The Miami Heat have waived Carlos Arroyo and are likely to sign veteran Mike Bibby. Because, you know, Arroyo is the reason why D-Wade keeps getting hurt and LeBron keeps throwing up bricks.

## COMEBACK KID

Milton Bradley went 3-for-3 with two RBIs to lead Seattle to a win. Call me crazy (just don't call me Charlie Sheen-crazy), but I'd like to see MB have a good year. I have a soft spot for underdogs.

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## Let's get those good times rollin'

By Linda Hays

Rum-fueled debauchery and airborne beads are what you've grown to love (or loathe) about Mardi Gras, but there are other ways to get some Big Easy flavor this week. Check out these picks for festive drinks, good ol' Southern eats and just a touch of naughtiness that'll take you from this weekend through Fat Tuesday.

### For beads

**Go to:** The Bar on Buena (910 W. Buena Ave., 773-525-8665) Score Mardi Gras bling at four Buena Park spots on the Mardi Gras Madness Pub Crawl (\$10). The prize-packed crawl includes drink specials, gift certificate giveaways, a cash raffle at the Bar on Buena and trivia at Michael's Pizzeria & Tavern (4091 N. Broadway, 4:30 p.m.). Compete in a costume contest and croon karaoke at Holiday Club (4000 N. Sheridan Road, 7 p.m.) before the final stop at Nick's Uptown (4015 N. Sheridan Road, 10 p.m.).

**When:** 2 p.m.-midnight Saturday



### For hurricanes

**Go to:** The Big Easy (1660 E. 55th St., 773-643-5500) Craving a sip of New Orleans without the raucous party vibe? This Hyde Park eatery channels the French Quarter year-round, but there's no better excuse than Fat Tuesday to indulge in Cajun and Creole favorites with a hurricane to wash it down. The traditional cocktail (\$7.95; \$6.95 on Fat Tuesday) mixes light and dark rums with orange and lime juices and grenadine.

**When:** 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tuesday



### For skin

**Go to:** Everleigh Social Club, 939 W. Randolph St. Tossing beads onto balconies isn't the only way to see a little skin. The Naked Girls Reading series (\$20 or two for \$35) celebrates "Naughty Gras" with nude ladies reading selections from New Orleans authors such as Anne Rice and Tennessee Williams. After, compete in a "Stella!" yelling contest to win a DVD of "A Streetcar Named Desire," and end the night with a BYOB dance party.

**When:** 7 p.m. Friday

### For gumbo

**Go to:** Le Fleur de Lis (301 E. 43rd St., 773-268-8770) This Bronzeville restaurant celebrates its first Mardi Gras with a New Orleans-style second-line parade led by a brass band (3:30 p.m.). Then head inside to graze from a buffet stocked with gumbo, red beans and rice, jambalaya, po' boy sandwiches and king cake. Buffet tickets (\$25) include one hurricane; additional drinks are \$7. The party continues with tunes from a jazz band and vocalist.

**When:** 3:30-10 p.m. Tuesday; buffet starts at 5 p.m.

### For crawfish

**Go to:** Fat Cat (4840 N. Broadway, 773-506-3100) Head to this Uptown bar to pig out at a buffet (\$9.95) with a crawfish boil, po' boy sandwiches, jambalaya and king cake. Later, continue to loosen your belt for a spicy crawfish-eating contest. The first contestant to suck down 20 crawfish wins a \$25 Fat Cat gift card, a Fat Cat Mardi Gras T-shirt and a ticket to next year's buffet. Toast with \$6 hurricanes and \$4 Abita brews while a DJ spins zydeco music.

**When:** 6-11 p.m. Tuesday

### For sazeracs

**Go to:** Chicago Q (1160 N. Dearborn St., 312-642-1160) Raise your glass with \$5 sazeracs, New Orleans' official (and arguably America's first) cocktail, made with rye whiskey, absinthe and bitters. Prefer beer? The Gold Coast barbecue spot's Southern-style specials also include \$3 Turbodogs from Louisiana's Abita brewery.

**When:** 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Tuesday

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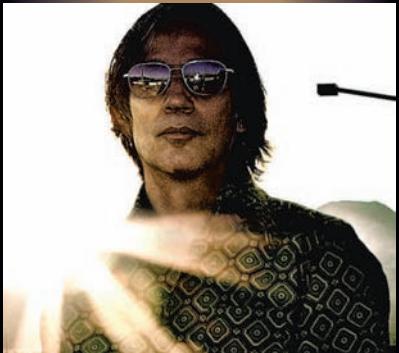
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SETTLING AGE-OLD, BAR-BASED DISAGREEMENTS ONE ARGUMENT AT A TIME

What is a bar-gument, you say? For as long as there have been watering holes, there have been disagreements. Some people prefer martinis with gin, some with vodka. Bar-guments is here to settle some long-standing bar conflicts once and for all.

This week:  
To bomb or not  
to bomb—are  
'bomb' drinks  
acceptable?



## TO BOMB

You probably won't be able to bring up the topic of doing a bomb without drawing some snarky "Jersey Shore" or "My New Haircut" comparisons, but there's no reason that bombs have to be the province of douchebags. Presumably you're at a bar because you wanted to do something more exciting than sit in a corner, text people and sip beer, so make it an event by indulging your trashier side. Get your friends involved, put taste aside for a minute and don't make apologies. As long as you don't make it your regular drink, you'll be fine. —KYLE KRAMER



## NOT TO BOMB

Say it with me, kids: Liquor before beer, you're in the clear. Dropping shots of liquor inside your beer a la an Irish Car Bomb? You're clearly

asking for a hangover. And if you're more the Jagerbomb type, need I remind you of the FDA's stance on mixing alcohol with caffeine? If you're really desperate for a buzz boost, save yourself a few bucks and a few hours of nausea and get a straight shot of booze instead. —DANA KAVAN

## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

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tunes from the  
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**DEE'S PLACE**

Wed.: 50-cent wings; Wed.-Sun.: \$8.95-\$13.95 chicken and waffles; Thu.: live music 7 p.m.; Fri.-Sat.: live jazz and blues 8 p.m.; Sun.: \$8.95-\$10.95 brunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; 2114 W. Division St. 312-348-6117.

**ERWIN**

Wed.-Sun.: \$18 three-course dinner. Entrees change daily and include meatloaf, fried chicken and Memphis-

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**MK**

Wed.: Wine on Wednesdays. \$25 for three

glasses of wine and three menu tastes; 868 N. Franklin St. 312-482-9179.

**ONE SIXTYBLUE**

Thu.: \$4 craft beers, \$5 signature burgers, \$6 select wines in the bar; 1400 W. Randolph St. 312-850-0303.

**PARK 52**

Wed.: live music 7-9 p.m.; Thu.: \$3 all beer bottles, \$7 select cocktails and appetizers; 5201 S. Harper Ave. 773-241-5200.

**SABLE KITCHEN & BAR**

Wed.-Sat.: \$15 three-course lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun.: Three Martini Brunch. \$10 flights of three 4-ounce gin martinis; 505 N. State St. 312-755-9704.

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Thu.: \$5 pizzas in the bar 5-7 p.m. Choose from caprese, prosciutto, grilled chicken,

goat cheese and more; Sat.-Sun.: \$8-\$12 brunch (10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.); Sun.: \$25 three-course dinner 5-10 p.m.; 3301 N. Clark St. 773-248-1155.

**\* SUSHISAMBA RIO**

9 p.m. Sat.: Carnaval at Sushi Samba. A Brazilian-themed bash includes samba dancers, batucada drummers and special menu items such as stuffed crab shells (\$14), black-eyed pea fritters with braised short ribs (\$24) and coconut flan (\$8); Prices vary; 504 N. Wells St. 312-595-2300.

**TAKASHI RESTAURANT**

Wed.: \$36 four-course dinner; Sun.: \$7-\$8 appetizers, \$12-\$13 select noodle menu; 1952 N. Damen Ave. 773-772-6170.

**THE TASTING ROOM**

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## ► PICK OF THE WEEK



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**Mardi Gras at Big Jones**

Chef Paul Fehribach prepares special dishes at his Andersonville restaurant, including an oyster po' boy (\$15), mufaletta (\$15), crawfish etoufee (\$23) and king cake (\$5). Reservations recommended. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday; 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Saturday; 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Sunday; 5347 N. Clark St. 773-275-5725.

**ZAPATISTA MEXICAN GRILL**

Wed.: 25 percent off glasses of wine, \$5 sangria glasses; Thu.: \$5 rumritas; Sat.-Sun.: \$5 bloody marys with Corona back, \$5 brunch entrees (11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.); 444 W. Fullerton Pkwy. 312-435-1307.

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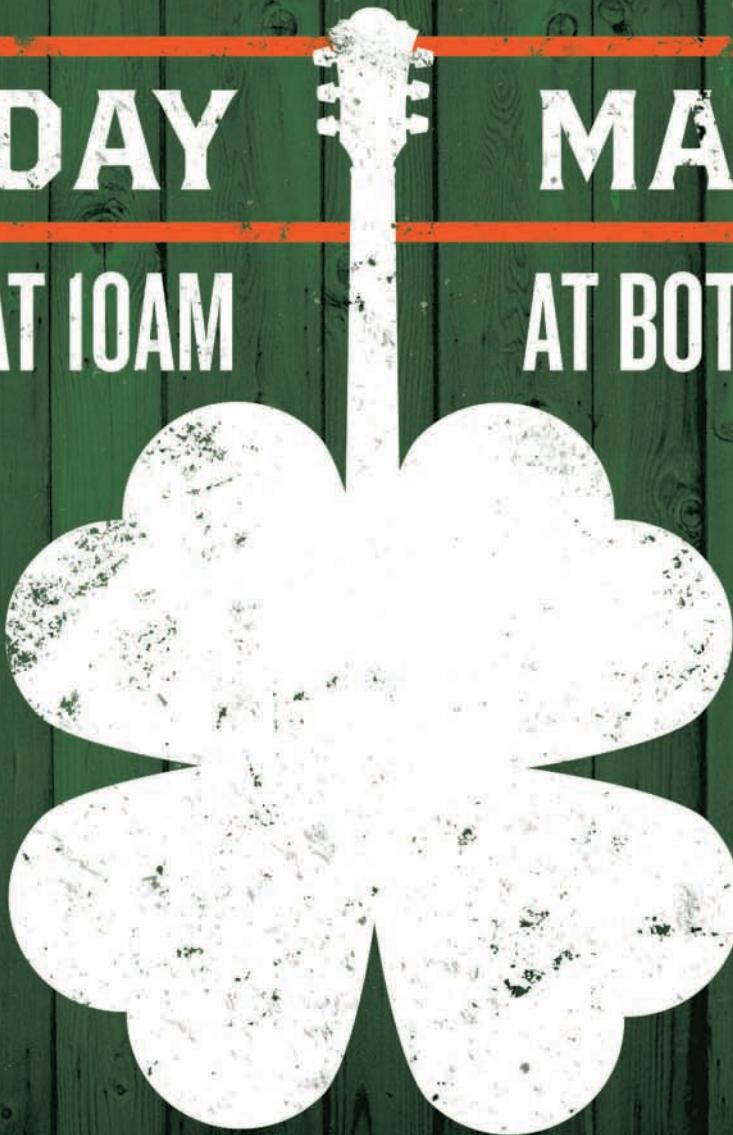
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# music

# THE sounds of march

Listen up to this month's top 25 shows

By Andy Downing

As March rolls in, Chicagoans can finally see some light at the end of winter's long, snowy tunnel. This month revels in simple pleasures with a host of buzzworthy artists (Warpaint, Girl Talk, Bright Eyes) performing in intimate settings. (See full event info at [metromix.com](http://metromix.com).)

## Pogues

March 3 at Congress Theatre

The debaucherous Irish rockers, capable of breaking both hearts and bones in equal measure, perform here alongside excellent openers Titus Andronicus.

## Iron & Wine

March 4 at Riviera Theatre

On his fourth full-length, "Kiss Each Other Clean," once-folky Sam Beam grows as wild and unruly as his still-prodigious beard.

## Portland Cello Project

March 5 at Hideout

The rotating cast of classically trained cellists bring indie-rock flair to tunes by the likes of Britney Spears, Outkast and Kanye West.

## The Ex

March 8 at Lincoln Hall

The explosive Dutch quartet performs here in support of "Catch My Shoe," their first album since the departure of singer and co-founder G.W. Sok.



## Girl Talk

March 4 and 5 at Congress Theater

Listening to the Pittsburgh DJ, who specializes in splintered songs perfect for those with short attention spans, is roughly the equivalent of rapidly flipping through the radio dial.

## Middle Brother

March 12 at Metro

An intriguing project that finds the frontmen from Deer Tick (John McCauley), Dawes (Taylor Goldsmith) and Delta Spirit (Matt Vasquez) joining up for a ramshackle jam session.

## Ice Cube

March 13 at The Mid

The gangsta rap icon, improbably reborn as a family-friendly film presence, returns to his music roots.

## Bright Eyes

March 15 at Riviera Theatre

"The People's Key," Conor Oberst's latest under the guise of Bright Eyes, finds the singer-songwriter channeling his more shamanistic side on an array of metaphysical folk tunes.

## Salem

March 15 at Empty Bottle

The love-em-or-hate-em art trio are notoriously indifferent live performers, mumbling their way through hazy, malformed electro tunes that rumble and clatter like a ghost in the machine.

## Elephant 6 Holiday Surprise Tour

March 15 at Lincoln Hall

Expect the unexpected when 13-plus musicians from the Elephant 6 collective join forces to play songs by the likes of Olivia Tremor Control, Neutral Milk Hotel and Elf Power, among others.

## Willie Nelson

March 18 at Chicago Theatre

One of the only men who can pull off braided pigtails, the easygoing Nelson projects a grandfatherly vibe that carries over into his denim-casual music.

## Cold War Kids

March 11 at Riviera Theatre

The Long Beach indie rockers might have stumbled with their latest, the overly polished "Mine Is Yours," but earlier songs still crackle with life.



## Janet Jackson

March 7-9 at Chicago Theatre

Jackson hasn't released an album since 2008's "Discipline," so expect the R&B/pop singer to rely heavily on hits from her decades-spanning career.

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### Salt-N-Pepa

March 19 at Arie Crown Theater

The early '90s return in full force with a show headlined by the "Push It" duo. Doug E. Fresh and Biz Markie also perform. Flattops, as always, remain optional.

### Wanda Jackson

March 22 at Lincoln Hall

On her Jack White-produced comeback, the 73-year-old whirlwind pledges to "rip it up" atop a flurry of sock-hop grooves that reek of black leather and hair pomade.

### Travie McCoy

March 25 at Metro

The singer/rapper, who is currently working on the next Gym Class Heroes record after an extended hiatus from the

### Warpaint

March 24 at Lincoln Hall

The all-girl L.A. quartet specializes in slinky tunes delivered like hazy, mysterious incantations.

group, enjoys one more victory lap as a solo artist.

### Macklemore & Ryan Lewis

March 26 at Schubas

The Seattle-based hip-hopper has a measured flow and a knack for capturing life's less-celebrated moments. Witness "Wings," an homage to the first time he touched the net on the basketball court as a child.

### Godspeed You! Black Emperor

March 26 and 27 at Metro

A rare public sighting of the shadowy Canadian collective, who have evolved into the musical equivalent of the Loch Ness Monster.

### Eli 'Paperboy' Reed & the True Loves

March 23 at Subterranean

On his latest album, "Come and Get It," the blue-eyed soul man hits all the expected touchstones (Sam Cooke, Wilson Pickett) while delivering a handful of songs that are completely his own.



### DeVotchKa

March 31 at House of Blues

The gypsy-punk collective, who come across like a freshly showered and shorn Gogol Bordello, perform here behind their latest album, "100 Lovers."

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### ON SALE NOON SATURDAY

**WITH:** Florence and the Machine, Cage the Elephant, Wednesday, July 6 (\$17.50-\$30, all ages) at Marcus Amphitheater.

### ON SALE 10 A.M. WEDNESDAY

**Abstract Giants, Animate Objects**, Saturday, April 2 (\$10, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Agents of Mercy, District 97**, Tuesday, May 17 (\$25, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Macpodz, DJ Logic**, Friday, April 1 (\$10-\$12, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Pat Sweany, Sanctified Grumblers, Steve Dawson**, Friday, May 20 (\$10, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band**, Friday, April 22 (\$10, 21+) at Martyrs'.

### ON SALE NOON FRIDAY

**Aesop Rock, Rob Sonic, DJ Big Wiz**, Thursday, May 19 (\$18, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

**Bitch**, Sunday, May 1 (\$12, 21+) at Schubas.

**Breathe Owl Breathe, Photographers**, Saturday, April 16 (\$10, 18+) at Schubas.

**Gobble Gobble**, Wednesday, April 27 (\$10, 18+) at Schubas.

**Joan As Police Woman**, Sunday, April 24 (\$12, 21+) at Schubas.

**Sondre Lerche, Nightlands, Kishi Bashi**, Saturday, June 18 (\$20, 21+) at Schubas, Sunday, June 19 (\$20, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

**Jessica Lea Mayfield, Nathaniel Rateliff**, Saturday, May 14 (\$12-\$14, 21+) at Schubas.

**Ben Ottewell**, Friday, March 25 (\$12-\$15, 21+) at Schubas.

**The Pipettes**, Monday, April 25 (\$13-\$15, 18+) at Schubas.

**Pitchfork Music Festival**, Friday, July 15, Saturday, July 16, Sunday, July 17 (\$45-\$110, all ages) at Union Park.

**Gruff Rhys, Yniwl**, Thursday, June 9 (\$15, 21+) at Schubas.

**David Vandervelde, The High Strung**, Saturday, May 7 (\$10, 21+) at Schubas.

### ON SALE 5 P.M. FRIDAY

**Ed Anderson, Scott Tipping**, Friday, May 13 (\$10-\$14, all ages) at Space.

**Pieta Brown, Jim Lauderdale**, Thursday, May 26 (\$17-\$20, all ages) at Space.

**Crash Test Dummies**, Wednesday, May 25 (\$20-\$25, all ages) at Space.

**Raul Malo**, Thursday, May 19 (\$27-\$30, all ages) at Space.

**Rebirth Brass Band, Luke Winslow King**, Friday, May 27 (\$25-\$30, all ages) at Space.

### ON SALE 10 A.M. SATURDAY

**Donald Glover and Childish Gambino**, Wednesday, May 18 (\$20, 18+) at Park West.

**Matt and Kim, The Thermals**, Saturday, June 25 (\$25, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

**New Kids on the Block, Backstreet Boys**, Wednesday, May 25 (\$29.50-\$89.50, all ages) at Allstate Arena.

**KT Tunstall**, Sunday, April 17 (\$25, all ages) at Park West.

### ON SALE NOON SATURDAY

**40 Oz of Freedom, Tuesday**, March 22 (\$10-\$12, 21+) at Double Door.

**Aches, The Spares, Mike Mangione, Goodbye Home**, Thursday, April 28 (\$8-\$10, 21+) at Double Door.

**Matthew Dear, Sassmouth, Antiphase**, Saturday, April 30 (\$7-\$15, 21+) at Smart Bar.

### ON SALE 10 A.M. SATURDAY

**The Greyboy Allstars, Jacob Fred Jazz Odyssey**, Friday, April 9 (\$27-\$50, 21+) at Double Door.

**Honey Dijon, Diz, Juan**, Friday, April 22 (\$5-\$13, 21+) at Smart Bar.

**The Last Dark Show**, Wednesday, May 4 (\$5, 21+) at Double Door.

**Local H**, Sunday, May 1 (\$13-\$15, all ages) at Metro.

**Madina Lake, Super Happy Fun Club, Static Summer, Stay Golden**, Saturday, April 23 (\$11-\$13, all ages) at Metro.

**Wolvhammer**, Monday, March 21 (\$5, 21+) at Double Door.

### ON SALE NOW

**Girlyman, Coyote Grace, Goodbye Home**, Wednesday, May 11 (\$17-\$20, all ages) at Space.

## WEDNESDAY CONCERTS



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7:30 p.m. Sold out. Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-472-0449.

#### BLITZKID, THE UGLY, CRUSADER, BLACK CAT REBELLION

7 p.m. \$13. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

#### CAVEAT EMPIRE, HOLIDAY HOUSE, NORREPORT, THE VISITOR

8:30 p.m. \$8-\$10. Abbey Pub and Restaurant, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

#### CHEAP TIME, ZOOBOMBS, RAMMA LAMMA

9:30 p.m. \$8. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

#### ALEX UDVARY

8:30 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-728-6000.

#### THE HOLMES BROTHERS

8 p.m. \$18-\$30. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. 312-360-3145.

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8 p.m. \$8. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

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8:30 p.m. \$10. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444.

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7 p.m. \$14. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2501.

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**Say hello to  
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**By Julia Borcherts**

If "burlesque" conjures up images of vaudeville-era temptations, the sequel to the first Windy City Burlesque Fest certainly won't disappoint. With nearly 100 local, national and international artists in six performances over two days—plus a free kick-off performance party at Hydrate—you'd do right to expect a few surprises too.

The fest features both returning headliners and new performers—including three-time Miss Exotic World winner Miss Indigo Blue and British sensation Anna Fur Laxis. Co-producer Red Hot Annie says to look for everything from classic boa-and-evening-gown stripteases to modern neo-burlesque.

Also on the bill: naughty celebrity tributes,

an ax-throwing vixen, drag performers, all-male "boylesque" routines, workshops for both novices and experienced performers and hopefully some shenanigans similar to last year's. "One of my favorite moments at the 2010 festival was when [drag diva] Foxy Tann did a whole slew of acrobatic cartwheels and somersaults," says Annie, whose troupe, Vaudezilla, has partnered with Belmont Burlesque to stage the event. "You could hear the audience gasp right before they burst into applause."

We caught up with the 2011 headliners to see what surprises they've got hidden up their sequin-and-feather-trimmed sleeves.

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### Kellita of Hot Pink Feathers

Hails from: San Francisco

Celebrity influence:

Josephine Baker

Her act conjures up:

1960s Italy, as inspired by a ski lodge scene from "The Pink Panther" film but set in a nightclub

Highlights: Her act incorporates song, dance and male backup dancers



### Miss Indigo Blue

Hails from: Seattle

Celebrity influences: Exotic dance pioneer Ricci Cortez and contemporary burlesque icon The Swedish Housewife

Her act conjures up: One act evokes 1930s Paris; the other pays tribute to Cortez.

Highlights: Vintage costumes with modern color palettes and some of Cortez's signature moves



### Lux LaCroix

Hails from: Los Angeles

Celebrity influences: LL Cool J and Prince

Her act transports you to: Back to the '80s

Highlights: Her lips are sealed, but we've discovered this much: One number celebrates a music-performance sensation; the other showcases her own twist on classic burlesque.



### Foxy Tann

Hails from: "The Twin [rhymes with 'cities']," Minn. (Minneapolis/St. Paul)

Celebrity influences:

Bawdy '50s comedienne Rusty Warren, '70s blaxploitation film "Cleopatra Jones" and drag diva Divine

Her act transports you to: The '70s Black Is Beautiful/Black Power era

What sets her apart: A female impersonator, she channels the bygone era of raunchy, female "blue" comics—and incorporates live vocals.

### Windy City Burlesque Fest

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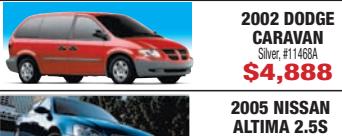
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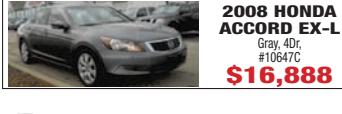
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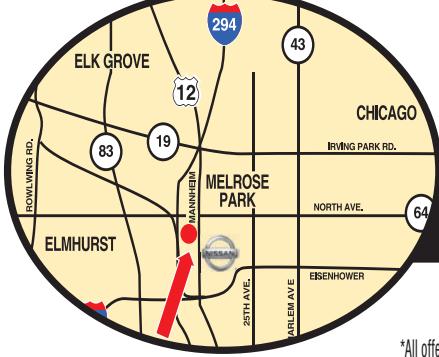
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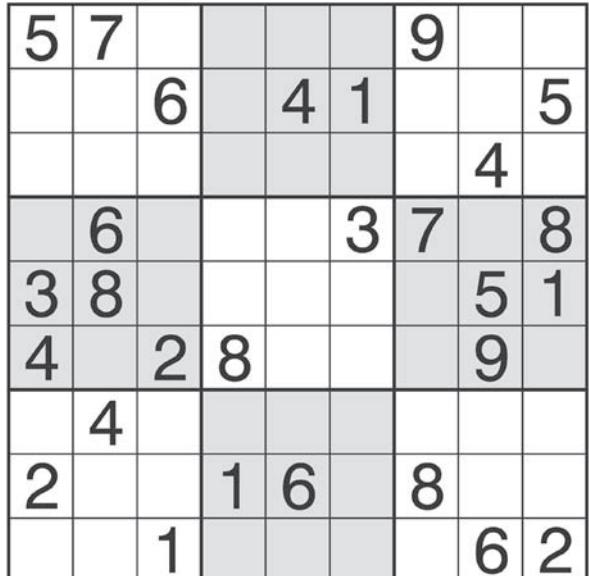


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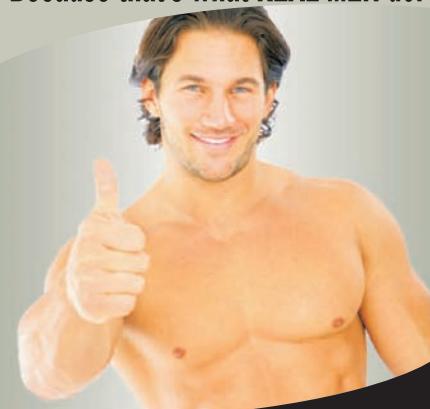
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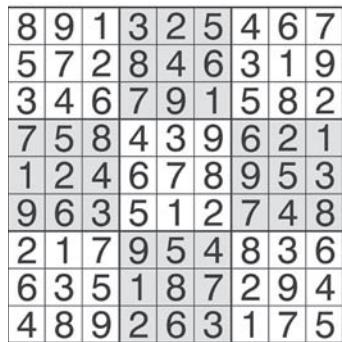
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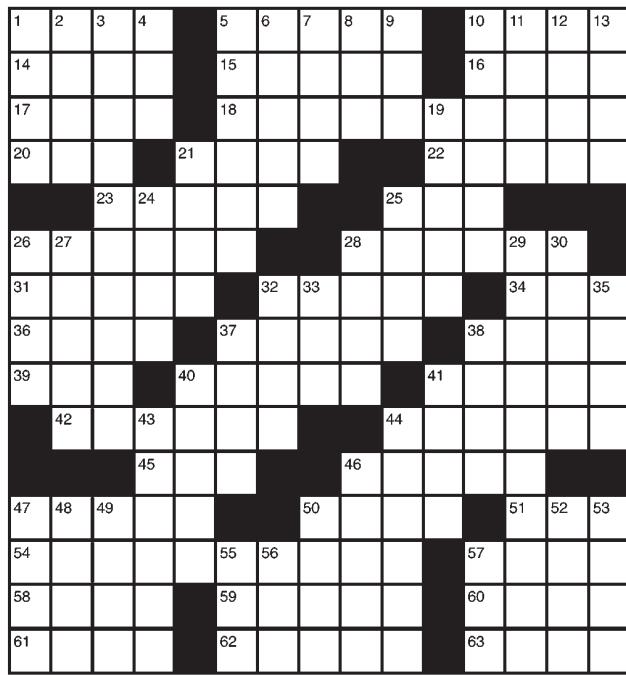


### ACROSS

- 1 Flooring piece
- 5 One defeated
- 10 Stuff
- 14 TV's "American \_\_\_"
- 15 Hot under the collar
- 16 Sharpen
- 17 52-card stack
- 18 Inappropriate
- 20 Long-haired ox
- 21 Refer to
- 22 Removes the lid from
- 23 Become overdramatic
- 25 Agcy. once headed by J. Edgar Hoover
- 26 Come \_\_\_; find
- 28 Troy Donahue and Tab Hunter
- 31 Fortune-teller's deck of cards
- 32 Skirt fold
- 34 Curved edge
- 36 Fragrance
- 37 Weirdo
- 38 Sled race
- 39 Paid player
- 40 Pigtail
- 41 Close-fitting
- 42 Give a job to
- 44 Pure; spotless
- 45 Crash into
- 46 \_\_\_ out; utter suddenly
- 47 Old city and port in Spain
- 50 Housekeeper
- 51 Be obligated
- 54 Make worse
- 57 Smile broadly
- 58 Ten-cent piece
- 59 Odorless gas
- 60 Bookish type
- 61 Notice
- 62 Apply a coat of color to
- 63 Takes advantage of

### DOWN

- 1 Neat
- 2 Thought
- 3 Area where a team dresses
- 4 Composer Frédéric \_\_\_
- 11 Lasso
- 12 Shortly
- 13 \_\_\_ up; botch
- 19 Mechanical man
- 21 Expense



4 Antlered animal	24 Secure with an anchor
5 Off-___; not to be entered	25 Opposition; criticism
6 Give a speech	26 Perched upon
7 For ___; on the market	27 Crew of trained personnel
8 Greek letter	28 Necklace piece
9 Congressman's title; abbr.	29 Pharmacies
10 Composer Frédéric ___	30 Vision
11 Lasso	32 Say the rosary, for example
12 Shortly	33 Luau garland
13 ___ up; botch	35 Distribute
19 Mechanical man	37 Gift tag word
21 Expense	38 Dishonest one
40 Wildfire	
41 Dull sound	
43 Expensive	
44 Customer	
46 ___ Rouge, LA	
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50 Three Wise Men	
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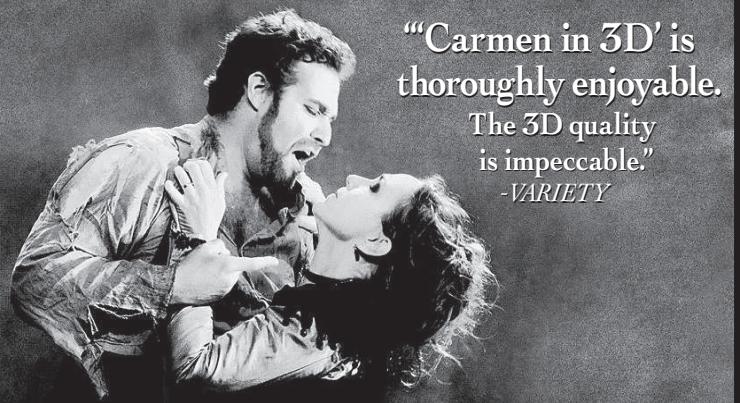
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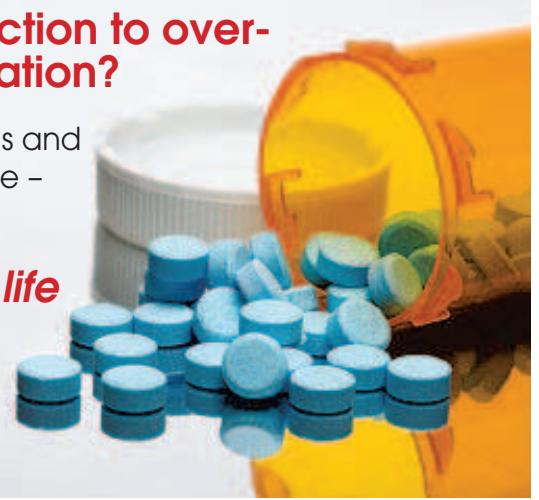
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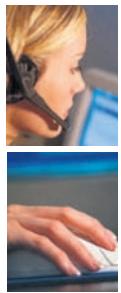
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# Xtina ON THE EDGE

By Ariel Alexovich | REDEYE

Aw, geez. Christina Aguilera again found herself on the bad side of the hot mess spectrum early Tuesday when she was taken into custody for public intoxication. According to [people.com](http://people.com), the former Mouseketeer was released from the West Hollywood, Calif., police station once she sobered up. Since no charges are expected to be filed against her, Xtina can learn from this close call and halt her downward spiral before she becomes the older, sadder Ke\$ha. Here's a look back on what's been a rough 10 months for Aguilera.



MAY 2010

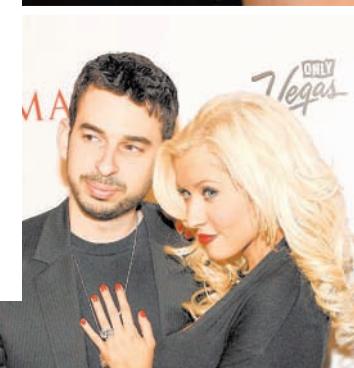
## Concert tour scrapped

The singer canceled her 20-city summer tour. She said it was because she needed to promote her upcoming CD, but critics said it was because her most recent single peaked at just No. 23 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

OCTOBER 2010

## Marital woes

After separating from her husband of nearly five years, Jordan Bratman, in September, Aguilera filed for divorce and asked for joint custody of their son, Max.



DEC. 18, 2010

## Happy 30th birthday!

This wasn't a bad thing, but it surely didn't help.

MARCH 1

## Drunk drama

Christina was arrested for public intoxication and jailed as "a public safety issue," according to officials, during a traffic stop in which her boyfriend was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving.

JUNE 2010

## 'Bionic' disappointment

Christina's futuristic-themed album was supposed to leave Lady Gaga shaking in her heels. It didn't. The record debuted at No. 3, selling 110,000 copies—a record low for a new Xtina CD.

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NOVEMBER 2010

## 'Burlesque' bombs

Critics panned Christina's first big-budget, Cher-infused movie. Audiences didn't warm to it either, and it opened at No. 4 at the box office over Thanksgiving weekend.



FEB. 6

## Lyric malfunction

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	2008 Honda Accord EX-L Lthr, Roof, Loaded, Full PW, #P1037A <b>\$18,977</b>		2008 Chevy Silverado 1500 4x4, Auto, 5500 Miles, Blue, #P1051A <b>\$18,977</b>		2010 Chevy Express Cargo 2500 V8, AC, #P15557 <b>\$18,977</b>		2008 Honda Pilot EX 4x4, 17K Miles, 3rd Row, #P14889 <b>\$25,477</b>		2010 Ford E350 & Econoline 350 White, Auto, CD, PW/PL, #P15075 <b>\$27,277</b>		2008 Ford F150 Crew Cab F4x, 4x4, Low Miles, Silver, #P15138 <b>\$28,577</b>		2009 Ford Explorer Limited Next, Roof, Lthr, Black, #P15084 <b>\$28,777</b>

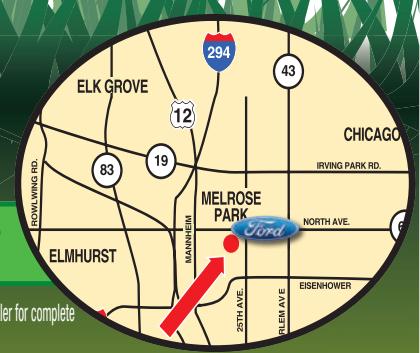
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## Robert loves Charlie?

Robert Pattinson is draped in an alligator on the cover of the April edition of *Vanity Fair*, but that's not the weirdest part. In the interview, the British actor reveals his love of bad American TV, saying, "I just watch reruns of 'House of Payne' and 'Two and a Half Men.' I love 'Cops.' ... God, I sound like such a loser." The almost scary-thin dude also describes himself as a "compulsive eater," adding, "I'm going to be so fat when I'm older, it's ridiculous."

## COUPLER METER



CONVERSING

## Olivia Wilde and Ryan Gosling

Cincinnati is for lovers? Maybe. Wilde, the "Tron: Legacy" star who is separated from her husband, and Gosling, who is in town to shoot a movie with George Clooney, were spotted together recently at the Cincinnati aquarium, [ew.com](http://ew.com) reports. [GETTYIMAGESPHOTO](http://gettyimagesphoto)



## Scarlett Johansson and Sean Penn

Call the awkward rumor police: Johansson, aka the ex-Mrs. Ryan Reynolds, was spotted by TMZ on Monday having lunch with Sean Penn in L.A. During the meal, ScarJo, who's 24 years Penn's junior, rested her foot in his lap. Sounds kinda serious.

# OUT OF THE OFFICE'

How will Michael Scott's story on "The Office" end? Fans won't find out until May, but Mindy Kaling knows what *won't* happen. The "Office" writer and co-star took to Twitter on Tuesday under the hashtag **#michaelscottstories** to reveal some Michael Scott (below) plots the show never got to explore, including one in which Michael gets Lasik

surgery—but only in one eye. [#toobadwewontseethat. NBC PHOTO](http://nbcphoto)



► Michael gets accused of something and is exonerated because there's footage of him outside *The Today Show* behind Al Roker **#MichaelScottStory**

► Michael feels unappreciated and does a "Ms. Nelson Is Missing"-type fake horror boss. **#MichaelScottStory**

## HOT DATES



3/4

Calling all hipsters: Tickets for the July 15-17 Pitchfork Music Festival in Union Park go on sale Friday. It's \$45 for single-day tickets and \$110 for three-day passes.



3/10

That's when Chicago native Erica Hubbard of BET's "Let's Stay Together" will host Safe is Sexy and Sexy is Safe from 5-10 p.m. at Salon Heaven in the South Loop. Complimentary spa services, free rapid HIV testing and a glamour booth will be part of the National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day event.



3/12

That's when Zach Galifianakis will return to host "Saturday Night Live," [ew.com](http://ew.com) reports. Jessie J will be the musical guest.